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**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING A TRANSACTION SYSTEM INVOLVING FUNGIBLE, EPHEMERAL COMMODITIES INCLUDING ELECTRICAL POWER

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